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sound policy, will strengthen the unfavorable  
 light in which their rejection and the  
 dangerous provisions of the bill as passed  
 will be made to appear. No better use could  
 have been made of Saturday than to have  
 started the debate, but for reasons of their  
 own the Democrats voted an adjournment  
 until Monday the moment the political  
 classes of the bill were reached.

The House of Representatives on Thursday  
 ordered to a third reading, and will  
 probably pass, House Bill 840, which is one  
 of the series of bills amending the Revenue  
 law. This bill ought certainly to become a  
 law at this session. It provides that the  
 assessment of real estate shall hereafter be  
 made once in every four years, the first to  
 be made in 1880, such assessments to be  
 open to amendment or equalization annually.  
 The quadrennial assessment shall be general,  
 and the annual assessments shall be of personal  
 property and of improvements made, or  
 destroyed since the previous general as-  
 sessment. The bill contains many other  
 provisions simplifying the bookkeeping and  
 reducing the cost and expense of collections.  
 All the amendments proposed by this bill  
 are in the interest of simplicity and direct-  
 ness, and all tending to the main object, the  
 fair assessment of property and the full col-  
 lection of the taxes at a reduced cost.

The full list of House Committees was  
 yesterday announced by Speaker Blandish,  
 and are given in the Washington dispatches  
 this morning. From a glance at the more  
 important Committees, several of which have  
 been enlarged by the recent action of the  
 House, it would seem that their  
 composition has been in the main improved,  
 this being true rather of their bodies than of  
 their heads, as the Chairmen have been  
 selected, as usual, under the pressure of  
 political considerations. A notable improvement  
 has been made in the Ways and  
 Means Committee by the addition of men  
 of sufficient force and ability to bring that  
 important Committee out of the obscurity  
 into which it had lapsed. FERNANDO WOOD  
 still remains at the head, but with his en-  
 ergy for hard, either positive or negative,  
 greatly limited by the antagonisms he will en-  
 counter among his own party associates on  
 the Committee. The Appropriations  
 Committee has certainly been improved on  
 the Republican side, and the assignment of  
 Gen. BRACE to the head of the Committee  
 on War Claims is a deserved recognition of  
 his courageous stand against the Southern  
 Treasury-raiders.

The trial of the Nebraska man-burners has  
 reached a stage of intense interest, and the  
 prospect is so certain of the conviction of  
 OLIVE and the men who aided him in the  
 horrid work that measures were yester-  
 day taken to guard against an at-  
 tempt at rescue. For greater protection  
 and safety a company of United States in-  
 fantry was sent to Hastings, where their  
 presence will doubtless prevent an attack by  
 the would-be rescuers and consequent loss  
 of life. A witness who saw the murder  
 of MITCHELL and KIRKPATRICK by OLIVE  
 and his gang, and has turned State's  
 evidence, yesterday gave his testimony at the  
 trial, describing minutely the shooting and  
 lynching of the two prisoners in the hands  
 of a corrupt Sheriff. From this version of  
 the affair it appears that the burning of the  
 two men after they had been shot and  
 strung up was accidental, MITCHELL's clothing  
 having been set on fire by the powder  
 from OLIVE's gun, the muzzle of which was  
 against the man's coat when he fired. In  
 any aspect of the case the crime is one of  
 horrible enormity, and there is a gratifying  
 probability that it will be properly punished  
 in spite of the great wealth that is being  
 poured out by OLIVE and his relatives.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS.  
 The passage of the School bill in the  
 House by a vote of 87 yeas to 48 nays is the  
 most creditable performance of the long  
 session of the present Illinois Legislature.  
 It will be difficult for the opponents of com-  
 pulsory education to urge any other objec-  
 tion to the bill which has been passed than  
 those which they are accustomed to urge  
 against the principle itself. To those who  
 regard compulsory education as bad State  
 policy this bill will be as little offensive in  
 detail as any that could be devised. Its pro-  
 visions are, briefly, as follows: (1) Parents  
 and guardians are required to send all chil-  
 dren between the ages of 8 and 14 years to  
 public or private school at least twelve weeks  
 in the year, except in the case of an excuse  
 by the Board of Education or School Direct-  
 or for satisfactory physical or mental  
 reasons; such excuse is also made in cases  
 where no public or private school is taught  
 for three months within one and one-half  
 miles from the residence of any person hav-  
 ing charge of children. (2) No person or  
 corporation may employ a child under  
 14 years of age during the school hours  
 without receiving a certificate of the twelve weeks'  
 attendance required; or an official release  
 from such requirement; and then contin-  
 uous employment shall not extend beyond  
 forty weeks except in the case of exemption  
 from school attendance as also made in cases  
 where no public or private school is taught  
 for three months within one and one-half  
 miles from the residence of any person hav-  
 ing charge of children. (3) The person or corporation  
 employing children of the established school  
 age in violation of these conditions shall be  
 liable to a fine of from \$20 to \$50; the fine,  
 when collected, goes to the school fund of  
 the district. (4) In cases where the Board  
 of Education is satisfied that a parent or  
 guardian has not the means wherewith to  
 furnish a child with the necessary school-  
 books, such books may be furnished by the  
 Board, to be returned at the expiration of  
 the child's term. (5) Any parent or guard-  
 ian failing to comply with the law is liable  
 to a fine of from \$5 to \$10, which goes to  
 the school fund. (6) It is made the duty of  
 Directors and members of School Boards to  
 prosecute offenses against the law, and any  
 taxpayer in the district may bring suit  
 against such Directors and members of  
 School Boards as fail in this duty, the pen-  
 alty being a fine of from \$5 to \$10, to be  
 turned over to the school fund. These pro-  
 visions constitute the whole of the bill.

The sentiment against interference with  
 the public school system has provided; and that,  
 when they deprive the helpless and depend-  
 ent of facilities for their future subsistence  
 and protection, the interests of society and  
 good government demand an interference to  
 prevent this unjust treatment. It is true  
 that the theory of free government contem-  
 plates the broadest individual liberty and the

smallest possible interference in the private  
 relations of life; but the largest latitude in  
 constraining this principle must admit the  
 power and duty of Government to com-  
 pel general obedience to such condi-  
 tions as are essential to the endur-  
 ance and progress of the community.  
 The individual owes to the community  
 the performance of every duty which the  
 welfare of the community demands, and the  
 maintenance of every selfish interest which  
 conflicts with the common good; this is due  
 in return for the protection which the com-  
 munity guarantees, and is necessary to make  
 such guarantee good. The condition of so-  
 ciety, as now organized, requires that its  
 citizens shall have at least the rudiments of  
 an education; the State offers the facilities  
 for acquiring this title to good citizenship,  
 and the individual should not be per-  
 mitted to deprive the future citizen of his  
 due when he is in the helpless condition of  
 childhood, powerless to resist, and incapable  
 even of protest. The theory advanced by  
 BAXTER that resistance to school attendance  
 would be applied to all laws equally,  
 and it would be just as reasonable to argue  
 that theft and murder are encouraged by the  
 passage of statutes to prohibit and punish  
 those crimes. Under such a law as has  
 passed one House of the Illinois Legislature,  
 the ignorant parent who does not under-  
 stand the importance of a child's learning to  
 read and write, or the brutal parent who is  
 careless of his child's future condition in life,  
 will have no more prejudice against sending  
 that child to school than he has now; the  
 difference will be that he will be compelled  
 to sacrifice the ignorance or brutality which  
 would otherwise govern his actions, and to  
 treat the child with the justice it has the  
 right to expect from those responsible for its  
 existence.

It is true that the poorer classes are en-  
 titled to the assistance which growing children  
 may contribute to the support of a house-  
 hold; but this consideration is fully recog-  
 nized by the terms of the proposed law.  
 There is no time when a child between the  
 ages of 8 and 14 cannot do all the household  
 duties which should be required from such  
 tender years and yet spend four or five hours  
 a day at school. In fact, children who are  
 made to work at home will find a beneficial  
 change and relief in school hours. For those  
 who work away from home and help support  
 the family with the wages they receive, cer-  
 tainly nine months' school and the income  
 therefrom should entitle them to three  
 months' schooling; in such cases the chil-  
 dren have a double claim to the protec-  
 tion of the law—the natural claim upon their  
 parents and the State, and the further right  
 of earning and paying for their schooling as  
 they go along. Many families that now  
 believe they cannot spare their young chil-  
 dren for three months' free schooling and  
 free books, because they listen more to tem-  
 porary and selfish considerations than to the  
 consideration of the child's future, will discover  
 that they were mistaken as soon as the child's rights  
 are protected by law. The most practical  
 objection urged against the passage of this  
 law is that there is now a deficiency of  
 school accommodations in many of the  
 crowded districts of the State; but this ob-  
 jection may be regarded as another reason  
 for the passage of the law, since, under the  
 law, it will be necessary to provide the ac-  
 commodation which are now lacking; and  
 public money cannot be more profitably  
 employed than by preparing the citizens of  
 the future for self-support, and the intelli-  
 gent exercise of the rights, and the intelli-  
 gent performance of the duties, pertaining  
 to citizenship.

THE ZULU WAR.  
 The English invasion of Zululand does not  
 prosper. The English, not the Zulus, are on  
 the defensive, and must remain so until suf-  
 ficient reinforcements can arrive to make an  
 advance practicable. It will be remembered  
 that when the invasion commenced the En-  
 glish moved in three columns, two of them  
 in command of Lord CHELMSFORD and the  
 third led by Col. PEARSON. One of these  
 columns was annihilated by an overwhelm-  
 ing force of Zulus, headed by the redoubtable  
 CHITWAT, at Isandula, which led to the  
 immediate recall of the second to guard the  
 Natal frontier. When the news of the dis-  
 aster reached Col. PEARSON there was but  
 one course left for him to pursue. To at-  
 tempt to retreat would have exposed him to a  
 flank attack from the victorious Zulus, who  
 were swarming all about him. He therefore  
 made a rapid march to Ekwene and in-  
 trenched himself, and the intention was that  
 the reinforcements would arrive for his relief.  
 A writer in the New York World gives the following  
 brief description of his position: Ekwene is the  
 oldest of the abandoned missionary stations  
 in Zululand, and is well provided with sub-  
 stantial buildings, including a chapel and  
 farm-house. It is about thirty-five miles  
 from the Tugela, in an open country most  
 favorable to the Zulu tactics of night sur-  
 prise. It is quite impregnable. The camp  
 is small but compact, and well protected by  
 a ditch seven feet high, so constructed  
 that those inside can see the enemy without  
 the enemy being able to see the heads of the  
 defenders, and a ditch seven feet deep and  
 ten feet wide. Ammunition for all arms there  
 is in abundance. Immediately in front of  
 this position there are 9,000 Zulus, but the  
 whole country swarms with them. As they  
 cannot take the place by storm, the Zulus  
 have systematically besieged it with the  
 intention of starving out the garrison before  
 any help can reach it. Col. PEARSON has  
 attempted one sortie, but was disastrously repulsed  
 and he had to retreat precipitately within  
 the works. Since that time a relief train  
 was sent forward to him which was surprised  
 by the Zulus. The supplies were captured  
 and the larger number of the escort were  
 killed. CHITWAT seems to have adopted  
 tactics in delaying Lord CHELMSFORD's ad-  
 vance that would do credit to a civilized  
 General. He commenced by destroying the  
 roads, which must tend to make the advance  
 very slow and difficult, and has guarded all  
 the approaches to Ekwene so thoroughly that  
 it is impossible for Lord CHELMSFORD to es-  
 tablish even signal communication with the  
 beleaguered garrison. The Zulu King also cir-  
 culated a story which reached Lord CHELMS-  
 FORD, that the Zulus had attacked Ekwene  
 in immense force and been disastrously de-  
 feated, which led the credulous English  
 officer to still further delay the work of re-  
 inforcement.

The English have been outwitted and out-  
 generated at every point by the crafty Zulus,  
 who have not only shown a very thor-  
 ough knowledge of the English numbers  
 and positions, and their mode of warfare,  
 but in actual battle prove that they ap-  
 prehend the tactics of the English and the  
 tactics of civilized warfare. The result shows  
 that there must have been a conspiracy of  
 an almost criminal kind on the part of the

English commander, and that he went into  
 the war not only without the warrant of the  
 Home Government, but without any ade-  
 quate knowledge of the enemy with whom  
 he had to contend. The English people have  
 this conviction, and they are not slow in ex-  
 pressing it. The English Parliament itself is  
 strongly disposed to censure Lord CHELMS-  
 FORD and Sir BARTHA FRANKS himself, the  
 High Commissioners who was sent out there  
 because he was supposed to have considerable  
 knowledge of the country and of the best  
 methods of treating with CHITWAT. As the  
 Queen and Lord BRACONROD, however, are  
 friendly to the Commissioner and to the  
 Commander-in-Chief, it is probable they will  
 not only escape the censure they deserve,  
 but retain their places in spite of their  
 numerous blunders. The London corre-  
 spondent of the Toronto Globe says on this  
 point:

"No fresh intelligence has come to hand during  
 the present week, either to strengthen public  
 opinion against Sir BARTHA FRANKS, or to palliate  
 and excuse the blunder he undoubtedly com-  
 mitted. So matters stand. But a story is current  
 that the Cabinet is pretty equally divided in opinion  
 about him. It is probably the case, however, that  
 the influence of Lord BRACONROD is paramount,  
 and that any steps that are taken either to main-  
 tain the Commander-in-Chief or to remove him  
 will depend upon the wishes of the Premier in the  
 matter."

Much as we may admire the heroism of  
 the gallant fellows who died at Isandula and  
 the bravery of Col. PEARSON's little hand-  
 ful of men in their intrenchments at Ekwene,  
 surrounded































For the next ten years the life of Frances Addington was uneventful. She seems to have studied hard, devoting herself especially to mathematics and Latin, though Greek, Spanish, Italian, and Political Economy were among her cares. The stagnation of life in Wales was responsible, no doubt, for much of this scholastic zeal, but part of it was due to a natural bent. At any rate, the combined effect of the

heart of Midlothian" was "the very worst letter" she had ever read, and gave her reasons for so thinking with her customary frankness and spirit. "Waverly," on the other hand, she reviewed thoroughly. She had, Mendelssohn believed with Miss Martineau, valued his friendship, and her husband knew, and one of condolence to Dean Stanley on the death of his wife. She have endeavored rather to indicate the extent and character of her acquaintance than to describe it fully; for a complete understanding

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